## FRENCH LOSE TWO VERDUN TOWNS AND 4,000 MEN



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# GERMANY TO MODIFY U-BOAT ORDER IF ENGLAND, LIKE HER, OBEYS OLD LAW

### **BIG GAINS BY CROWN PRINCE** ON BOTH WINGS AT VERDUN; BATTLES 20 MILES APART

Berlin Reports Advance of Nearly Two Miles on a Four-Mile Front West of Meuse, and Further Suc-Victim Was Nellie Kiernan, cess at Fresnes, to Southeast.

BERLIN, March 8.-Capture of the village of Forges and Regneville and the Raben and Cumieres heights was announced by the War Office to-day. The Germans captured ten cannon, 3,277 men and 58 officers. | at 2 o'clock

In the Woevre region the enemy was driven out of Fresnes and more police investigation than 700 prisoners taken. [Despatches from London earlier in the day admitted that

Regneville, a strongly fortified village, was two-thirds surrounded by the German troops. Its surrender within a few hours was forecasted. Loss of the village of Forges, a mile beyond Regneville, was admitted by the French yesterday. The two villages are seven and eight miles respectively northwest of Verdun and both are on

[The French had admitted the loss of Fresnes, twelve miles southeast of Verdun, but claimed to have regained part of the village. According to the above report from Berlin they have been driven from the entire village. Regneville and Fresnes are about twenty miles apart and on the left and right wings of the Verdun sector. The total number of prisoners taken was more than 4,000.] Pollowing is the fext of the statement given out at Army Head-

nections with the new German line on the right bank of the Meuse, Cote du Poivre and on the Douaumont positions, we stormed French positions on both sides of Forges Brook, below Bethincourt, over a width of six kilometres (3.7 miles) and a depth of more than three

"The villages of Forges and Regneville, as well as the heights of Raben and the Cumieres woods are in our possession. Counterattacks by the French against the southern boundaries of these woods were repulsed with sanguinary losses. A great number of the accupants in the captured positions perished. Fifty-eight officers and 3,277 men were taken prisoner. Furthermore ten cannon and much other war material were captured.

"In the Woevre district the enemy was driven out of the last houses in Freenes. The number of prisoners taken there was increased to 11 officers and more than 700 men. A few machine gams

"Our a robianc squad ons dropped bombs on the villages to the west of Verdun, which are occupied by the enemy

#### French Report Big Gun Battles; Claim Gains in Champagne aghting were frequently heard in his such men in its employ. I have been

PARIS, March 8.-Heavy artillery fighting continued throughout last night on both banks of the Meuse, the War Office reported this af- ago and the hall attendants say they acter, but the responsibility that deternoon. The situation on the Verdun northern front remains unchanged.

The cannonade was especially violent northwest of Verdan, on the west bank of the Meuse, where the Germans are believed to be preparing morning, staggered our into the manual of the service another tose attired only in his radamas and in the benefit of the experience, anality for an attempt to capture Goose Hill and Dead Man Hill.

"In the Champagne district, in the region to the east of Maisons De Champagne, we issuiched an attack which placed us again in possession of the sections of trenches occupied by the enemy on the 6th of March. In the course of this tighting we took eighty-five prisoners, including three officers, and captured a machine gun. A counter attack on the part of the enemy delivered a

little later against the positions we held was successfully repulsed. "In the region to the north of Verdun no change has been reported. During the course of the night the Germans continued their bombardment of our front to the west of the river Meuse, but without putting forward their infantry.

"Our batteries responded with energy to the fire of our adversaries in this sector, as well as to the east of the Meuse, where the artiflery bombardment has been intermittent.

"There has been very spirited artillery fighting in the Woevre. We have bombarded Blanzee, Grimaucourt and the cuvirons of

"An attack by the enemy against the railroad and the highway to Manheulles was checked by our curtain of fire and the activity of the French infantry."

It is reported here that the Germans set aside 300,000 men to capture Verdun. Only 200,000 being employed up to yesterday, it was a ques-tion whether the remaining 100,000 would be used to make a sudden construction wouth, charged with the must descent on some other part of the French line in developing the offensive against the fortress. The heavy attack west of the river leaves that diens question no longer to be settled.

### **WOMAN IS DEAD** AFTER STRUGGLE IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Dr. Benjamin H. Searing of No. 56 West Eleventh Street Arrested.

SIGNS OF A BEATING.

Who Had Left Her Rooming Place Weeks Ago.

Keenan, thirty-five years old, recent- Secretary Whitney, Assistant Counly employed as a nurse at St. Vin. sel Harkness and Assistant Engine 140 West Eleventh Street. She left administrations when I was the latter address, apparently for a of the Federal Department of Comwalk, on Peb. 22, and was not seen there and Labor, which was one there again, according to Mr. Mc. of the largest, if not the largest,

It was about Feb. 22 that Dr. eSar-Wellford since the first of the year Department of Commerce and the took a woman to his apartment and introduced her to the hallboys and to the proprietress of a laundry across that I administered that department the street as his wife. From evidence with some credit and efficiency. In gathered in the house the police be- that department, which was orderally by to-day's tragedy.

and did not practice. Within the past and Turner, two weeks sounds of quarrelling and [ apartment. The laundress was un- head of this Commission long enough able to gain entrance several days to value their ability and their chardo not believe either Searing or the volves upon the Chairmannip of the woman had left the rooms for a week. Commission is mine,

Scaring, at about \$ o'clock this morning, staggered out into the ball calamity if the service should lose structed the elevator ins. John Hior- and devotion to their duties of these dan, to send for an undertaker. He officials. I accepted most reluctantly said his wife was dead. The elevator the appointment of the Governor to man telephoned to the office of Pease the chairmanship of tion committeen, & Elliman, agenta of the building, but chiefly as it came to me as an argent ne notification of the tragedy reached call to render a public nervice and the police until 2 o'clock tids after- to aid in rehabilitating the Commisnoon, when John Buckner, a tenant, sion in public confidence. I have suspecting that something was wrong given to it the best ability that I telephoned to the Mercer Street Sta- pessess, and if I am to be deported

a Dr. Benjamin H. Scaring is given office. as No. 167 West Eighty-first Street. His name does not appear in the telephone directory. On June 10, 1905, a Dr. Benjamin H. Searing was married at Montelair, N. J., to a Miss Heiene

#### CALL ORPET CASE NEXT WEEK

missal of Murder Indictment. | thick and thin

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Murch 3 -- Counsel nsin youth, charged with the murde. Marian Lambert, ashed Circuit Judg-C. C. Edwards to-day to dismuss the in-dictment against him. Judge Edwards set the hearing of againsents on the motion for heat Monday.

### STRAUS WILL QUIT **UNLESS WHITNEY REMAINS AS AIDE**

Chairman of P. S. Board Resents Assertions Made by Senator Thompson.

WHITMAN WILL STICK.

Governor Says He Will Not Withdraw Nominees From

calls himself for George F. Thompson's attack in the State Senate on the confirmation of Whitney and Charles S. Hervey at

"I see the reports in the press that the effect of drink or drugs was in Senator Thompson credits me with the flat, scated at a front window being an able man and in the same

men in this commission, and I would Searing the police identified the dead single out the very three men that woman as Nellie Kiernan or Theresa Senator Thompson names, namely

Grath, who conducts a rooming bouse large that since I held it under the Roosevelt Administration it has been ing, who had been livinguione in the divided into two departments under

"I believe it is generally conceded Here that Searing and the waman organized by ex Secretary Contelyous omediately entered upon a debauch who was its first chief, we had many which continued until it was ended able men, but none of them was more y to-day's tragedy.

Searing had no sign in his window character than Whitney, Harkness

"The city is fortunate in having

"I would regard it about of a

#### WHITMAN SAYS HE'LL STICK TO THE NAMES HE SENT TO SENATE

ALBANY, March & Got. Whitean this afternoon resterated his deter- som in tours and a manner or in mination to stick to his two Publis Court Will Give Hearing on Dia- Service Compassion nominees through When told of Sename Thompsonia

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WINTER CRUSES TO WARMER CLIMES. All rectes all rane at line. Saling, rate pass and first or a Tries Born. In different a trie us officials. Income that below the da healt. Politar World building 85 G Fers.

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Fitch called him. Assistant District Legislature Aims for Reform. Attorney Grob and Timothy J. Shea. into his room for a consultation,

She and he took away two novels by of Syracuse Bertha M. Clay on the ground they The secure would provide for a COMPLETE TEXT OF THE GERinjured by mer home readous

employed by Lowser Binnett.

### NO MENTION AT HAGUE

The House Convention numbers continued, and there who have arrived mediately expressed its readiness to mentioned armed to reheatmen was the required probationary term would rathly the Declaration of London. At to prove the right to arm to pure A mediume schoolib of schering already been issued, which was enrecognized by international law, in would be their but the authorities of lively, and without modification, based

out the seventh convention of The Miner tiets Sim,000 Damages. there, 1807, only recognizes the

### In Long Island Poison Pen Case NEW MESSAGE FROM BERLIN DECLARES THERE IS NO LAW **COVERING SUBMARINE WAR**

Suggestion Conveyed That United States Act for the Disarmament of Allies' Merchant Ships-Injury to Neutrals a Reason for Reprisals.

#### BRITAIN SAID TO PROFIT BY STAND U.S. HAS TAKEN

WASHINGTON, March 8 .- The German Government, in a memoandum handed to-day to Secretary of State Lausing by Count von Bernstorft, outlined in detail its position in regard to armed ships, reviews events leading up to its decision to torpedo without warning all armed merchantmen of its enemies, concedes that international law, as at present constituted, makes no provision for the use of submarines and expresses willingness to operate its submarines in accordance with international law prevailing prior to the war on the condition that Great Britain does not violate the same laws,

In some quarters the memorandum was considered a recession from Germany's hitherto unbendable stand. The suggestion that concessions liter women moved up to the vacated by the allies regarding the arming of merchant ships might result in the modifying of the German order was taken to indicate that Germany hoped the United States would resume her efforts to bringing the allies to agree to disarmament of merchantmen and permit of further discussion of the

# CUT FROM 46 TO 21

After lawyer J. E. Bennett, for Miss. New System Proposed for Cities of State Now Before Empires are restorated.

Before the case was called Mrs. but relating to the school systems in as Great Britain has not restrained Moltje. Alvena's mother, pointed our the several cities of the State and preto Magnetrate Fitch a man in the pared by the State Education Depart, of that Declaration Gormany cannot sufficiency who had annoyed her last then was introduced in the Legisla-sufficiency who had annoyed her last their was introduced in the Legisla-be expected to agree to operate under Sunday, see said, by demanding admittance to her home as a detective. Brooklyn and Assemblyman Kincard gards.

would show Alvena's morals had been Board of Education in each one of not less than three nor more than. The complete text of the memor-The man delicated said he was nine members, except in New York, andum follows: Walter Scritteller, a private desertion where the Board of Education would "The Importal German Government, be reduced from is to at members, but on account of the friendly relations. there would be no change in the which have always existed between partition of seconding the blooms.

IS GERMAN CONTENTION. as they are now, under special statuten controlling their official acts. Under the bull the feature of super- Herman Government, setting upon the visory staffs in early only would be stagestion of the United States, im-

an arricle in the Cologne Gozotte to each city would be given power to upon the rules of the Declaration of deverable what on and surrease might bondon for Tslab, international law expert differ and what the moximum satural the author of the article, declared arises should be.

Walter Lawry, a minor was awarded containing of merchantmen into mene smore damages to-due by a pary in

proves that British ships armed ostensibly for defense have been instructed to act-and have acted-ofofensively and that they are not peaceful traders, as the United States was assured they would be by Sir feell Spring-Rice, the British Amsassador.

The previous declarations that subnarine warfare was begun by Germany in reprisal for the announced intention of Great Britain to starve the civilian population of the Central

To sustain the German contentions t is pointed out that Germany agreed to abide by certain terms of the Dec-ALBANY, March 5. A home rule gratton of London, but that masmuch

the two great nations and earnestly OF ARMED MERCHANTMEN. Downs would be conferred on those desiring to continue them, wishes to

that time a German prize code had

"Blermany thereby proved her willnguese to recognize fully the existing sure the freedom of the seas for the legitimate trade of neutral nations not only among themselves but also

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